

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A window barrier coupled to a vehicle door supported within a door frame, the vehicle door including a window panel supported within a window channel and door trim supported in spaced relation to the window channel, the window barrier comprising:

an upper frame member;

a lower frame member supported in spaced relation below the upper frame member;

at least one barrier element extending between the upper frame member and the lower frame member;

a first securing member releasably securing the upper frame member to the door, the first securing member including a retaining portion operably coupled with the door trim and positioned in spaced relation to the window channel; and

a second securing member releasably securing the lower frame member to the door, wherein a portion of at least one of the upper frame member and the first securing member is positioned intermediate the door frame and the door such that movement of the upper frame member in a first direction is prevented by the door frame and movement of the upper frame member in a second direction opposite the first direction is prevented by the door.

2. (Previously presented) The window barrier of claim 1, wherein the first securing member is received within a slot formed within the door trim.

3. (Original) The window barrier of claim 1, wherein the door trim comprises weather strip supported by the door frame.

4. (Original) The window barrier of claim 1, wherein the first securing member comprises at least one clip coupled to the upper frame member.

5. (Previously presented) The window barrier of claim 4, wherein the clip includes a connector and first and second arms extending from the connector, the second arm of the clip defining the retaining portion which is received within a slot formed within the door trim.

6. (Previously presented) The window barrier of claim 5, wherein the first arm of the clip is received intermediate an outer weather strip and the door, and the second arm of the clip is received intermediate an inner weather strip and the door.

7. (Previously presented) The window barrier of claim 4, wherein the clip includes a portion received intermediate the door frame and the door.

8. (Previously presented) The window barrier of claim 1, wherein the second securing member includes a longitudinally extending retaining flange received within a slot formed within an interior surface of the door.

9. (Original) The window barrier of claim 1, wherein the at least one barrier element includes a plurality of substantially vertically extending barrier members.

10. (Original) The window barrier of claim 9, wherein each of the barrier members comprises a rod having a substantially circular cross-section.

11. (Previously presented) The window barrier of claim 9, wherein the plurality of barrier members generally follow the angle of inclination of the window panel supported by the door.

12. (Currently amended) A window barrier configured to be supported by a vehicle door including an interior surface and a window panel, the window barrier comprising:

an upper frame member;

a lower frame member supported in spaced relation below the upper frame member, the lower frame member including a panel rest portion and a retaining flange, and a connecting portion connecting the panel rest portion and the retaining flange;

wherein the panel rest portion ~~and~~ extends inwardly and downwardly from the connecting portion, and the retaining flange ~~extend~~ extends downwardly from the connecting portion, the panel rest portion being configured to rest against the interior surface of the

vehicle door, and the retaining flange being configured to be received within a slot formed within the door intermediate the interior surface and the window panel; and

at least one barrier element supported by the connecting portion of the lower frame member.

13. (Original) The window barrier of claim 12, wherein the lower frame member defines a substantially U-shaped channel.

14. (Original) The window barrier of claim 12, wherein the lower frame member further comprises a notch configured to receive a lock button supported by the door.

15. (Original) The window barrier of claim 12, further comprising a securing member configured to releasably secure the upper frame member to the vehicle door.

16. (Original) The window barrier of claim 15, wherein the securing member comprises at least one clip connected to the upper frame member.

17. (Original) The window barrier of claim 12, wherein the vehicle door is supported within a door frame and the upper frame member includes a portion configured to be received intermediate the door frame and the door.

18. (Previously presented) A window barrier coupled to a vehicle door supported within a door frame, the vehicle door including a window panel supported within a window channel, the window barrier comprising:

a barrier frame including upper and lower ends;

an upper securing member coupled to the barrier frame proximate the upper end and including a portion received intermediate the door frame and the door, wherein movement of the upper end of the barrier frame in a first direction is prevented by the door frame and movement of the upper end of the barrier frame in a second direction opposite the first direction is prevented by the door;

a lower securing member coupled to the barrier frame proximate the lower end; and

at least one barrier element supported by the barrier frame.

19. (Original) The window barrier of claim 18, wherein the upper securing member comprises at least one clip, the clip including a connector and first and second arms extending from the connector.

20. (Previously presented) The window barrier of claim 19, wherein the first arm of the clip is secured to the upper end of the barrier frame and the second arm of the clip is received within a slot formed within the door.

21. (Previously presented) The window barrier of claim 19, wherein the first arm of the clip is received intermediate an outer weather strip and the door, and the second arm of the clip is received intermediate an inner weather strip and the door.

22. (Previously presented) The window barrier of claim 18, wherein the lower securing member includes a retaining flange received within a channel formed within the door intermediate the interior surface and a window supported within the door.

23. (Previously presented) The window barrier of claim 22, wherein the lower securing member further includes a panel rest portion connected to the retaining flange and resting against an interior surface of the vehicle door.

24. (Original) The window barrier of claim 18, wherein the at least one barrier element comprises a plurality of substantially vertically extending barrier members.

25. (Previously presented) A window barrier configured to be coupled to a vehicle door supported within a door frame, the vehicle door including a window panel supported within a window channel and door trim supported in spaced relation to the window channel, the window barrier comprising:

- an upper frame member;

- a lower frame member supported in spaced relation below the upper frame member;

- at least one barrier element extending between the upper frame member and the lower frame member;

- a clip configured to releasably secure the upper frame member to the door, the clip having a connector and first and second arms extending upwardly from the connector, the first arm being coupled to the upper frame member and the second arm being positioned in spaced relation to the first arm and the window channel and configured to operably couple with the door trim; and

- a fastener coupling the first arm to the upper frame member.

26. (Previously presented) The window barrier of claim 25, further comprising a longitudinally extending retaining flange coupled to the lower frame member and configured to be received within a slot formed within an interior surface of the door.

27. (Previously presented) The window barrier of claim 26, further comprising a panel rest portion and a connecting portion connecting the panel rest portion to the retaining flange.

28. (Currently amended) A window barrier configured to be coupled to a vehicle door supported within a door frame, the vehicle door including a window panel supported within a window channel, the window barrier comprising:

a barrier frame including upper and lower ends;

an upper clip coupled to the barrier frame proximate the upper end and including an outwardly extending first arm, a downwardly extending second arm, and a connector connecting the first arm and the second arm, the first arm extending in a substantially horizontal plane and the second arm extending substantially perpendicular to the first arm;

a lower securing member coupled to the barrier frame proximate the lower end; and

at least one barrier element supported by the barrier frame; and

wherein the connector of the upper clip is configured to be received intermediate the door frame and the door such that movement of the upper end of the barrier frame in a first direction is prevented by the door frame and movement of the upper end of the barrier frame in a second direction opposite the first direction is prevented by the door.

29. (Canceled)

30. (Previously presented) The window barrier of claim 28, wherein the first arm of the upper clip is configured to be received intermediate an outer weather strip and the door, and the second arm of the upper clip is configured to be received intermediate an inner weather strip and the door.

31. (Previously presented) The window barrier of claim 28, wherein the lower securing member includes a retaining flange configured to be received within a channel formed within the door intermediate an interior surface and a window supported within the door.